

**HOLT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30 p.m. ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2022 IN HOLT VILLAGE HALL.**

Present :- P. Mobbs (Chairman), J. Bowker, D. Pugh, C. Adams, C. John, C. Lightfoot (Clerk).

In Attendance:- District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming.

Absent:- J. Harper, J. Hill, County Councillor Mr S. Richardson-Brown.

1.	<p><u>Public Question Time.</u> There were no members of the public present and therefore no questions.</p>	
2.	<p><u>To consider apologies and approve reasons for absence.</u> The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Mr J. Harper and Mrs J. Hill and County Councillor Mr S. Richardson-Brown.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest.</u> a) Register of Interests. There were no changes to the Register of Interests. The Clerk reported that she had received Parish Councillor Mrs J. Hill's Register of Interests and a copy of this would be passed to MHDC. b) Registration of Personal Interests. There was no registration of Personal Interests. c) Registration of Prejudicial Interests. There was no registration of Prejudicial Interests. d) Written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation. There had been no written requests for dispensation.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Minutes.</u> The minutes of the Meeting of Holt Parish Council held on Thursday 17 February 2022 were approved by Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.</p>	
6.	<p><u>County and District Councillor reports for information.</u></p> <p><u>County Councillor report.</u> The Clerk reported that County Councillor Mr Scott Richardson-Brown had reported that there was no further progress on traffic calming measures at the mini roundabout. There were no further matters of note.</p> <p><u>District Councillor report.</u> District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming reported on the following issues.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Platinum Jubilee events. Grants are available from the District Council to support community events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. All details are on the MHDC website.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) Tourism award. District Councillor Mrs P. Cumming congratulated Parish Councillor Mrs C. John for her recent success at the Worcestershire tourism awards. Rowley Self Catering Holiday Cottages won best in category and the best overall winner. The Chairman congratulated Mrs C. John for her achievement on behalf of Parish Council</p>	CL
6.	<p><u>Progress reports.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Highways issues (mini roundabout) – update. This was dealt with under Agenda Item 5 County Councillor report.</p>	

The Clerk was asked to contact County Highways to remove the debris from the accident which still remained at Red Lion junction.

b) Repair to wildflower area – progress report.

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the previous Chairman of Parish Council (Mr P. Winney) as we have still to receive the funds from Severn Trent water for the repairs.

c) Parking on the verge by the Heath – update.

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact again with the CSO (Community Support Officer) who had confirmed that the owner of the vehicle had been spoken to over the issue. The Clerk asked Parish Councillors to log dates and times when the vehicle is parked on the verge so she can present this evidence to the CSO if the problem persists.

d) Ward boundary review.

The Clerk reported that a submission had been sent on behalf of Parish Council to this consultation requesting that Holt Parish remains within Baldwin ward as they consider they have more in common with the rural parishes of Shrawley, Astley and Little Witley than the larger semi-urban parish of Hallow.

e) Defibrillator training.

The Chairman reported that sadly the new defibrillator from outside the Village Hall had again been stolen. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the defibrillator should not be replaced in this location for the time being. The Chairman and Parish Councillor Mr D. Pugh agreed to remove the damaged defibrillator box from the Village Hall wall. The Clerk was asked to enquire about claiming the loss from the insurance and contact County Councillor Mr S. Richardson-Brown to ask about the possibility of obtaining some divisional funding to upgrade the defibrillator and security system at the telephone box.

f) Platinum Jubilee event – discussion.

Preparations are well underway for the Platinum Jubilee event. The Clerk reported that she had secured the loan of 5 gazebos from Droitwich Town Council for the event. Grant funding of £750.00 from County Councillor Mr S. Richardson- Brown had been received towards the event. The decision had been taken to spend this money on a gazebo.

g) Review of Parish website discussion.

A discussion took place in relation to the Parish website. Whilst it was felt this contained valuable village information it is not well used. It was felt linking the website to the Millennium Green and Church facebook pages would create more awareness and usage of the Parish website.

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7. Finance.

a) To note the current bank balances.

It was reported that the current account bank balance currently stood at £8,161.27 and the deposit account at £8,400.22.

b) To consider payments retrospectively.

The following payments were approved by two members of Parish Council and made by bank transfer. These payments were approved retrospectively by Parish Council.

21.2.2022	Bank transfer	Mrs C Lightfoot (Clerks expenses)	29.99
21.2.2022	Bank transfer	Mrs C Lightfoot (Clerks salary)	400.00
21.2.2022	Bank transfer	Mr P Mobbs (defib pads)	127.20
6.3.2022	Bank transfer	Top Cut Ltd	160.00
17.3.2022	Bank transfer	Mrs C Lightfoot (Clerks salary)	400.00
17.3.2022	Bank transfer	Mr WP Winney	44.99

c) To monitor payments against the budget.

There were no matters of concern to note.

8. Planning.

a) **Applications Pending.** To review the recommendations of Parish Council on current applications.

<u>20/015616/CLE</u>	Ball Mill Bungalow	An operational base for forestry and other arboricultural activities including processing of wood for firewood, biomass/ woodshavings and other wood products,	Pending decision (Recommend refusal)
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		marketing and delivery of material thereby produced.	
<u>21/01936/CLE</u>	Top Barn Farm Worcester Road Holt Heath Worcester WR6 6NH	Certificate of lawfulness for the existing Mixed Use for Agriculture, Education and Therapeutic Care	Pending Decision (Recommend approval)
<u>21/01863/FUL</u>	Woodside Farm Top Barn, The Pack House At Worcester Road Holt Heath WR6 6NH	Extension to existing agricultural packhouse facility and farm office	Pending Decision (Recommend approval)
<u>M/22/00257/FUL</u>	Yard 2 Top Barn Business Centre Worcester Road Holt Heath WR6 6NH	Planning application for the resurfacing of storage yard, installation of security gate and ancillary works.	Pending Decision (Following discussion Parish Council recommended approval of this application)
<u>M/22/0205/FUL</u>	Red Lion Witley Road Holt Heath WR6 6LX	Formation of 3 New Build Dwellings to the land at the rear of the Red Lion public house.	Pending Decision (Recommend Refusal)
<u>M/22/00204/FUL</u>	Red Lion Witley Road Holt Heath WR6 6LX	Refurbishment works including new canopy to main entrance, over bay windows, external finishes and increasing car parking arrangements. First floor to create overnight accommodation for eight bedrooms with en-suites.	Pending Decision (Recommend Approval)

A discussion took place in relation to applications M/22/0205/FUL and M/22/00204/FUL. Parish Council expressed their support for reestablishment of the Red Lion as a public house. However, concerns were expressed over current the drainage and waste management system. It was also felt that the proposed parking would be inadequate to support a thriving pub and bed and breakfast business. It was reported that County Highways have also expressed concern over the amount of parking proposed in the application.

b) Approvals/Refusals.

<u>21/02004/FUL</u>	Wildgoose Rural Training and Nature Reserve, Main Road, Hallow, Worcester, WR2 6LS	Part retrospective application for agricultural and educational facility buildings providing storage, animal housing and teaching spaces.	Approved
<u>21/02261/FUL</u>	Ball Mill Bungalow Main Road Hallow Worcester WR2 6LS	The demolition of the existing bungalow and erection of a replacement dwelling	Refused

	<p>c)Any other planning issues.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="220 235 1425 443"> <tr> <td data-bbox="220 235 416 338"><u>21/01286/TC</u></td> <td data-bbox="416 235 842 338">Grass Verge At (Os 8177 6304) School Lane Holt Heath</td> <td data-bbox="842 235 1425 338">Phase 8 street pole C/W wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="220 338 416 443"><u>21/00765/CU</u></td> <td data-bbox="416 338 842 443">Northington Farm, Farm Lane, Holt Heath, WR6 6NQ</td> <td data-bbox="842 338 1425 443">Change of use of ground of one unit to B8</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was reported a site visit had taken place by the Planning Inspectorate on application 21/01286/TC. The Clerk reported that she had not received any information relating to this.</p>	<u>21/01286/TC</u>	Grass Verge At (Os 8177 6304) School Lane Holt Heath	Phase 8 street pole C/W wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.	<u>21/00765/CU</u>	Northington Farm, Farm Lane, Holt Heath, WR6 6NQ	Change of use of ground of one unit to B8	
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9.	<p><u>Correspondence for information.</u></p> <p>All relevant correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p>							
10.	<p><u>Clerk’s report on urgent decisions since the last meeting.</u></p> <p>a) Renewal of Lengthsman Scheme. The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman Scheme had been renewed on the previous terms. She said she would clarify whether Mr Rob Harrison wished to continue in the role.</p>	CL						
11.	<p><u>Councillor’s reports and items for future agendas.</u></p> <p>There were no matters of note.</p>							
10.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting.</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21 April 2022 in Holt Village Hall. This will be the Year End Meeting.</p>							